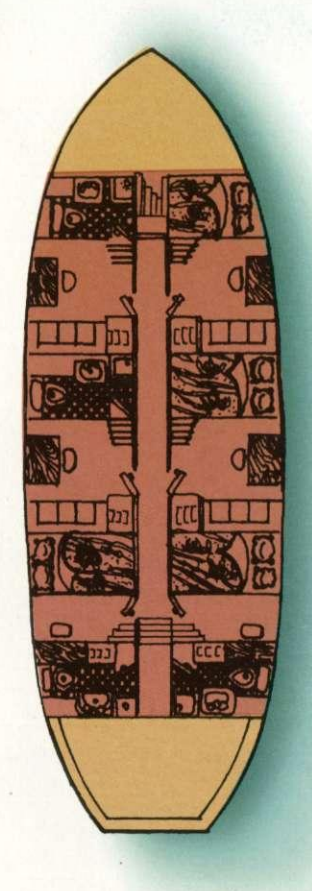


RIVER LIVING

Our Mekhala fleet consists of three boats with a total capacity of 19 cabins housing 38 passengers. Respectively they have four, six and nine immaculately appointed, fully air-conditioned double berth cabins with private bathrooms. In addition they feature:

- Thai style designs with western comforts.
- A deck for sunbathing.
- A cozy, covered corner bar.
- Audio entertainment, a library, a host of indoor games and a telephone.

The **Asian Oasis** *Collection*

Don't forget to enquire about the other unique Asian discoveries.


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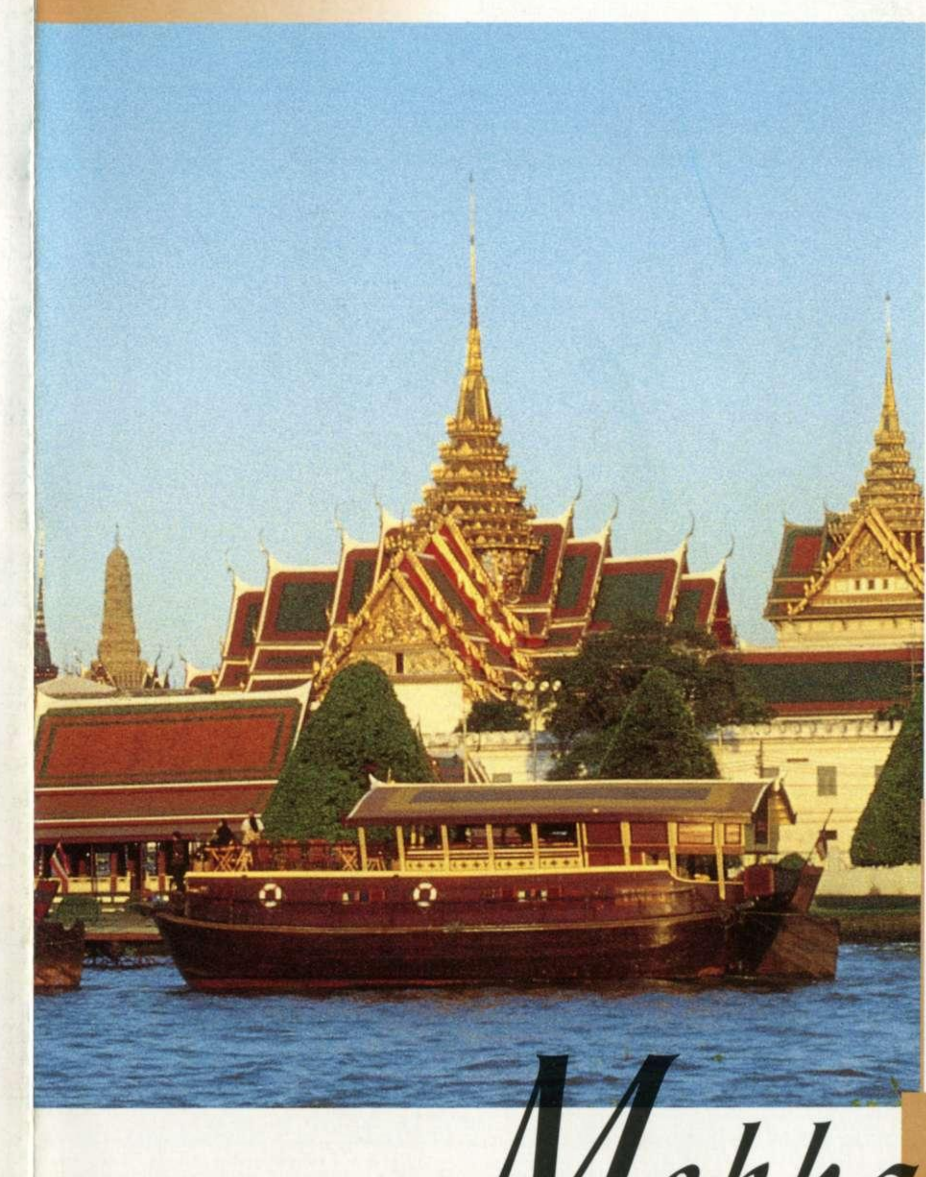

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The Legendary River Cruise

Mekhala

For over 700 years, the Kingdom of Thailand has been a waterborne culture and even now the Chao Phraya river is still the nation's main communication artery. A cruise on the Mekhala is the ideal start to a journey that could lead to a trip to Chiang Mai, the River Kwai or the Khmer Temples of Korat.

LEAVING BANGKOK

As the Mekhala idles its way up to Ayuthaya, a wondrous array of folklore and river life unfolds along its banks. Imposing skyscrapers and classic monuments soon give way to a gentle rural pace. Houses on stilts echo with the laughter of children playing at the water's edge; women bathe in traditional sarongs while the menfolk fish lazily from sampans.

FOR AYUTHAYA

Travelers from the west have often described Ayuthaya as the most beautiful city in the Orient. Indeed it must have been a truly breathtaking 'Venice of the East' with its 400 temples mingling across 60 kilometres of waterways, their chedis forming a magical forest in the sky.







MEKHALA
THE LEGENDARY
RIVER CRUISE







A MAGICAL CRUISE ALONG THE CHAO PHRAYA RIVER

Welcome aboard the legendary Mekhala for an enchanting journey along the magnificent Chao Phraya River. Once a rice barge, the Mekhala is now a floating boutique hotel. There is no better way to sample the leisurely life along the 'River of Kings'. Just one day's journey can transport you back through hundreds of years of Siamese culture and history.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 : Depart Bangkok 15.00

The Mekhala sets off up river. Enjoy the splendour of the river view and watch Bangkok's most famous landmarks sail by. At dusk, dock for an overnight stay at Wat Kai Tia. Enjoy a superb candlelit dinner on deck. Spend a relaxed evening playing indoor games or sharing a drink under the stars.





Day 2 : Return Bangkok 18.00

Greet the new day with an optional wake-up call at 06.00 in time for a traditional offering of alms to the Buddhist monks. A sumptuous yet leisurely breakfast en route is followed by a welcome spot of sunbathing. Late morning disembark at Bang-Pa-In for a guided tour of the Summer Palace. Then all aboard an exhilarating longtail boat ride to the ancient city of Ayuthaya.

Feast upon an exquisite Thai lunch at a riverside restaurant. Then a trip back in time - a guided tour of the ancient ruins. Return to Bangkok and the twentieth century by air-conditioned mini-bus.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Alternatively you may leave your Bangkok hotel at 08.00 by air-conditioned transfer and travel by road to Ayuthaya to join the Mekhala in the afternoon, returning to Bangkok at about 11.00 the next day. We are also available for dinner cruises, charter and for private groups. Please consult us for details.

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TO HUA HIN
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